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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON AUGUST 2, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS)
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

IN NUMEROUS CAPTURED DOCUMENTS PICKED UP BY THE AAIS
FROM THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S
REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), THERE HAS APPEARED INFORMATION
INDICATING THAT THE ERP PLANNED TO CONDUCT A BLITZ-TYPE
TERRORIST OPERATION COMMENCING APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS PRIOR
TO AUGUST 22, 1976 WHEREIN BOMBINGS, ASSASSINATIONS AND OTHER
TERRORIST ACTS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN ORDER TO DRAMATICALLY
LEAD UP TO THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SO-CALLED TRELEW INCIDENT ON
AUGUST 22, 1976. IT IS NOTED THAT THE TRELEW INCIDENT INVOLVED (S) (U)

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THE KILLING OF NUMEROUS CAPTURED TERRORISTS IN TRELEW, ARGENTINA BY ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES DURING AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT FROM AN ARGENTINE TERRITORIAL PRISON. THE AAIS BELIEVED THAT THE RECENT ELIMINATION OF MANUEL ROBERTO SANTUCHO, DOMINGO MENA AND OTHER TOP ERP LEADERS, PLUS THE CAPTURE OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS REVEALING ERP PLANS DURING THE TEN-DAY PERIOD PRECEDING AUGUST 22, 1976, MAY CAUSE SURVIVING ERP MEMBERS, WHO ARE BASICALLY WITHOUT LEADERSHIP, TO ABORT THEIR PLANS CONCERNING THIS PERIOD; HOWEVER, THE AAIS HAS NO POSITIVE INFORMATION CONFIRMING THAT THIS ERP PLAN HAS BEEN CALLED OFF. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS COL. ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, AAIS.
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